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Comments: Thank you for making this rule a possibility. Many of us in our "senior" years have flown many hours over lots of years and love being in the air. However, due to our age, often our genes, we ended up with medical conditions that preclude our passing even an FAA Class III physical OR the cost of meeting the exam requirements makes it prohibitive or impracticle to maintain a license. For example, persons who have had open heart surgery or by-pass surgery have been required to have have an annual thallium treadmill test along with a cardiologist exam. When you are on Medicare and a supplemental insurance plan they will not cover that cost just to maintain flying status. (This cost can easily run from \$2000-\$2400 per year.) They would, of course, if ordered by the Doctor but he/she isn't ethically going to do that if not needed for normal monitoring of one's health condition.

I'm extremely pleased with the Sport Pilot proposal as it pertains the maintaining flying status, as proposed. I've been flying for 53 years and still regularly fly a 1940 Taylorcraft that my father purchased in 1943. This proposal will mean a lot to me in the years to come.

Thank you.